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The Honorable Yuri Andropov
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Dear Sir:

We wish to congratulate the Soviet Union on the 60th anniversary of its existence. We applaud your government's decision to include in its December Celebration commemorating this important year, amnesty for certain prisoners. We therefore take the liberty of reminding you of the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved so many lives in Budapest in those dreadful months of 1944 and 1945.

We have, during past years, asked the Soviet Government for information on the whereabouts and release of Raoul Wallenberg, but were denied both. We assume that the reason for this constant denial is to be found in the unfortunate wording of a Soviet Note of 1957: the Note, in fact, expresses the extremely vague assumption that "a prisoner named Walenberg" may be identical with the Swedish diplomat Raoul (Raoulevitch) Wallenberg. Through equally unfortunate circumstances this assumption became a "fact", and was treated as such year after year.

Throughout the many years since 1957, there have been individuals who have left the Soviet Union and who reported that friends and acquaintances had seen Mr. Wallenberg in one or another Soviet prison. Very recently we have received a report from an individual who had actually spent four days with Mr. Wallenberg in a prison in Sverdlovsk in 1972, thereby, once and for all, proving that Raoul Wallenberg did not die in 1947.

We therefore appeal to you as the new head of the Soviet Central Committee, to investigate fully the case of Raoul Wallenberg, to discover his whereabouts, and to return him to his family in Sweden.

Sincerely yours,

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